Congressman Pence penned an op-ed that was published in today's *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* :

During these challenging economic times, Hoosier families and small businesses are sacrificing every day to make ends meet. They know that our economy is in a recession and that to survive, we need to tighten our belts and make some hard choices.

The federal government - Congress in particular - ought to do the same.

Inside Washington, D.C., at the White House and in the halls of Congress, there has been a lot of talk about fiscal responsibility, sacrifice and making prudent decisions to lift this nation out of its economic tailspin.

Well, it's time for members of Congress to put our money where our mouth is. We must be willing to come together to work across party lines to make the critical choices that will put our fiscal house in order.

But the reality of the actions of Congress is a far cry from its rhetoric. Instead of fiscal restraint, this Congress has been the archetype of wasteful spending, and rather than tough choices, this body seems more interested in a spending free-for-all.

The column in its entirety is available **HERE** .